

**IT IS THE VENDOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO
CHECK FOR ADDENDA PRIOR TO SUBMITTING PROPOSALS**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SPECIFICATION NO. 04-174**

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska intends to enter into contracts and invite you to submit a sealed bid for:

**UNIT PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
FOR
FIRE HYDRANT PAINTING SERVICES**

MEETING OR EXCEEDING CITY'S SPECIFICATIONS

Sealed bids will be received by the City on or before 12:00 noon Central Time, Wednesday, July 14, 2004, in the office of the Purchasing Agent, "K" Street Complex, South West Wing, Suite 200, 440 So. 8th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the First Floor Conference Room at the "K" Street Complex.

Specifications may be examined at:

City of Lincoln Purchasing Division, 440 So. 8th St., Ste. 200, Lincoln, NE 68508
Lincoln Builders Bureau, 5910 So. 58th St., Ste. C, Lincoln, NE 68516
Omaha Builders Exchange, 4255 So. 94th St., Omaha, NE 68127
F. W. Dodge Corporation, 11422 Miracle Hills Dr., Omaha, NE 68127
Construction Market Data, 10665 Bedford, Ste. 105, Omaha, NE 68164
Dodge-Scan, 5700 Broadmoor, Ste. 100, Mission, KS 66202

Bidders should take caution if U.S. mail or mail delivery services are used for the submission of bids. Mailing should be made in sufficient time for bids to arrive in the Purchasing Division, prior to the time and date specified above. Late bids will not be considered.

FAX bid responses are not acceptable, all bids must possess an original signature and be in a sealed envelope.

PROPOSAL FOR
SPECIFICATION NO. 04-174
UNIT PRICE PAINTING CONTRACT FOR FIRE HYDRANTS

BID OPENING TIME: 12:00 NOON
DATE: July 14, 2004

I/We, the undersigned, have read the attached specifications and conditions required for this proposal, hereby propose to furnish pavement construction and reconstruction services in accordance with these conditions on the following unit price basis.

Prices are to be held for one year.

SCHEDULE I - HYDRANT PAINTING

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>U/M</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
1.	Hydrant Painting - Arterial	Each	\$_____
2.	Hydrant Painting - Residential	Each	\$_____
3.	Mobilization	Lump Sum	\$_____

These Unit Price Proposals are offered by _____, hereinafter referred to as bidder.

A Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of _____.

A Partnership doing business as _____.

An Individual doing business as _____.

Addenda: Bidder has received Addenda Nos. _____, and has included their provisions in this bid.

BID SECURITY REQUIRED:

Yes _____ Amount: _____

No X

Special provisions for Commodity Term Contracts are included with the specification document. Bidders are urged to read the Special Provisions before completing the following sections of the Proposal.

Contract Extension Renewal is an option: **Yes**_____ **No** _____

TERM PRICE CLAUSE: BIDDER MUST STATE

- (a) Bid prices firm for the full contract period:** _____; **or**
(b) Bid prices subject to escalation/de-escalation: _____.
(c) If (b), state period for which prices will remain firm:
 Through_____.

INTERLOCAL PURCHASING: The City/County desires to make available to other local government entities of the State of Nebraska, by mutual agreement with the successful bidder, and properly authorized interlocal purchasing agreements, the right to purchase the same services, at the prices quoted, for the period of this contract. Each bidder shall indicated on the Bid Form in the space provided below if he/she will honor Political Subdivision orders in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, in addition to orders from City of Lincoln/Lancaster County.

_____YES _____NO

If "YES", Contract supplier or suppliers may honor pricing and extend the contract to political sub-divisions, cities and counties. Terms and conditions of the contract must be met by political sub-divisions, cities and counties. Under no circumstances shall the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County be contractually obligated or liable for any purchases by these political sub-divisions, cities or counties.

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE responsible for the administration of this Agreement:

NAME: _____
TITLE: _____
PHONE NO._____

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM: Successful bidder will be required to comply with the provisions of the City's Affirmative Action Policy (Contract Compliance, Sec. 1.16). The Equal Opportunity Officer will determine compliance or non-compliance, upon a complete and substantial review of successful bidder's equal opportunity policies, procedures and practices.

The undersigned signatory for the bidder represents and warrants that he has full and complete authority to submit this proposal to the City, and to enter into a contract if this proposal is accepted.

**RETURN 2 COMPLETE COPIES OF PROPOSAL AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL.
MARK OUTSIDE OF BID ENVELOPE AS FOLLOWS:
SEALED BID FOR SPEC. 04-174**

COMPANY NAME

BY (Signature)

STREET ADDRESS or P.O. BOX

(Print Name)

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

(Title)

TELEPHONE

(Date)

EMPLOYER'S FEDERAL I.D. NO.
OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

ESTIMATED DELIVERY DAYS (After
receipt of individual orders)

TERMS OF PAYMENT

BIDS MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE PURCHASING DIVISION OFFICES DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, **AFTER** TABULATION BY THE PURCHASING AGENT. IF YOU DESIRE A COPY OF THE BID TABULATION TO BE MAILED TO YOU, YOU MUST ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR BIDDING DOCUMENTS.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR
UNIT PRICE PAINTING CONTRACT FOR FIRE HYDRANTS
PROJECT INFORMATION**

1. SCOPE OF CONTRACT

- 1.1 The City of Lincoln (hereinafter referred to as "City"), desires to retain qualified contractors on a Unit Price Construction Contract basis to perform miscellaneous fire hydrant painting services for the term of the contract.
- 1.2 The attached sample agreement serves as specifications, and describes the obligations of the City and the Contractor.
- 1.3 It is anticipated that the total amount of work for all departments/agencies of the City for the term of the contracts is approximately \$80,000.
- 1.4 Unit prices being bid shall include costs of materials, shipping, labor, tools, equipment, and overhead and profit.
 - 1.4.1 Labor costs shall include all health and welfare benefits, insurance, taxes, and all other applicable fringe benefits.
 - 1.4.2 Mobilization shall include all contractor costs associated with move-in and move-out for each site.
- 1.5 No adjustments in unit prices being bid will be allowed on work awarded during the annual contract period. Any future fluctuation in the costs associated with unit price calculations should be taken into consideration by the bidder, even though the work for an individual project may extend into the succeeding year.
- 1.6 The term of the contract shall be one (1) year, September 1, 2004, through August 31, 2005; with options to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms beginning September 1, 2005.

2. CONTRACT AND INSURANCE

- 2.1 Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the award of bid the Contractor(s) must execute a written Unit Price Construction Contract between the Contractor and the City, sample attached.
- 2.2 Also, within such time period the Contractor must furnish with the executed agreement a certificate of insurance in accordance with the attached "Insurance Clause to be used for All Unit Price Construction Contracts", naming the City of Lincoln as additional insured.

3. BIDDING PROCEDURE AND AWARD OF CONTRACTS

3.1 Bidding Procedure

- 3.1.1 Read attached Instructions to Bidders prior to submitting your Unit Price Proposal.
- 3.1.2 The following documents must be submitted as your bid:
 - 3.1.2.1 Completed and signed Unit Price Proposal Form
 - 3.1.2.2 Qualifications statement.
 - 3.1.2.3 List of references.

3.2 Award of Contract

- 3.2.1 In determining the low responsible bids, consideration may be given to the following factors:
 - 3.2.1.1 Ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to comply with the specifications and perform the work required by the contract.
 - 3.2.1.2 Character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder.
 - 3.2.1.3 Ability of the bidder to perform the work within the time specified for each project.
 - 3.2.1.4 Previous and current compliance of the bidder with laws and regulations relating to the work.
 - 3.2.1.5 Quality of the bidder's performance of previous work.
 - 3.2.1.6 Cost of the Unit Price Proposal
 - 3.2.1.7 Any other information deemed relevant to the contract by the City.
- 3.2.2 Contracts resulting from bid proposals shall not be on an all-or-none basis, and may be awarded to several bidders based on price, scheduling, the ability to complete work on time, quality of work and previous inspection and acceptance of past projects.
- 3.2.3 The City further reserves the right to analyze bid proposals in detail and to award contracts which the City believes to be in its best interests.
- 3.2.4 The City may make any investigation deemed necessary to determine the ability of a bidder to perform in accordance with the specifications.
- 3.2.5 The City reserves the right to reject any bid based on facts resulting from any investigation which indicates that a bidder is not properly qualified to perform the obligations of any resulting contract.

4. BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

- 4.1 Bidders shall submit a qualifications statement and a list of references for similar projects with their bidding documents.
 - 4.1.1 References to be submitted with the bidding documents shall include a minimum of three (3) references of similar projects completed in the last five (5) years are required to be submitted with your proposal form.
 - 4.1.2 References should include: name of firm, contact person, address, and telephone number, and may include references of work previously performed for any one of the City.

UNIT PRICE PAINTING CONTRACT FOR PAINTING CITY FIRE HYDRANTS

THIS CONTRACT, is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2004 by and between _____, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"; and the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "City";

WHEREAS, the City wishes to engage Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions herein to provide the above referenced construction services; and

WHEREAS, Contractor desires to perform said construction services for the City in accordance with the terms and conditions herein provided; and

WHEREAS, the City has caused to be prepared, in accordance with law, specifications, plans, and other contract documents for said construction services and has approved and adopted said documents and has caused to be published an advertisement for and in connection with said construction services; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor in response to such advertisement has submitted to the City in the manner and at the time specified, a sealed proposal in accordance with the terms of said advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the City in the manner prescribed by law has publicly opened, read aloud, examined, and canvassed the proposals submitted in response to such advertisement, and as a result of such canvass has determined and declared the Contractor to be the lowest responsible bidder(s) for said construction services for the unit prices named in the Contractor's proposal, a copy of which unit price proposal is attached hereto and made a part of this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the amounts to be paid to the Contractor said construction services and the other conditions, covenants and agreements herein contained, the Contractor and the City have agreed and hereby agree as follows:

1. Rates.

- A. The Contractor agrees to provide the above referenced construction services in accordance with the unit price rates which are set forth in the Contractor's Unit Price Proposal, attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- B. The Contractor further agrees that the rates set forth in the Unit Price Proposal shall remain in effect during the term of this Contract.

2. Term. The initial term of this Contract will be for a period of one year from the 1ST day of September, 2004, through the 31st day of August, 2005, with an option by the City to renew the Contract for two additional one-year terms upon providing sixty days written notice to the Contractor prior to the expiration of the initial term of this Contract.

3. Amount of Work.

It is anticipated that the Lincoln Water System will request painting of approximately 500 hydrants each year.

4. Termination.

- A. The City reserves the right to terminate this contract for cause at any time during the term of the Contract upon default of the Contractor in providing the construction services in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein.
- B. The City shall provide ten days written notice to Contractor to correct any deficiencies prior to termination of the Contract.
- C. The City reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event that the City does not appropriate sufficient funds for the continuation of the contract into the succeeding fiscal year.

5. Standard Specifications General Conditions. The City of Lincoln Standard Specifications For Municipal Construction and attached Special Provisions are a part of this Contract, except as specifically amended for a specific project and as dependent upon the nature of the particular construction services to be provided pursuant to this Contract.

6. Non-Discrimination.

- A. The parties agree that in connection with the carrying out of this project the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, or marital status.
- B. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, or marital status. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- C. Any breach of this provision of the Contract shall be regarded as a material breach. The Contractor shall be required to insert a similar provision as this in all subcontracts for construction services to be covered by any project undertaken pursuant to this Contract.

7. Drug Free Workplace.

- A. The Contractor agrees that in the performance of this Contract, neither the Contractor nor any employee of the Contractor shall engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity covered by this Contract.
- B. The City reserves the right to request a copy of the Contractor's drug free workplace policy.
- C. The Contractor further agrees to include a provision similar to this statement in all subcontracts for construction services required pursuant to this Contract.

8. Contract Documents. The Contract Documents comprising this Contract shall consist of the following: Instructions and notice to bidders; the accepted Unit Price Proposal; the contract agreement and all associated schedules and attachments; the standard specifications; general conditions and any supplementary conditions thereto; and any addenda issued in connection with a particular project.
9. Independent Contractor. The parties understand that this contractual agreement shall not create an employer/employee relationship and the Contractor, his employees, and any person acting on behalf of the Contractor shall be deemed to be an independent contractor during the term of this Contract.
10. Insurance. The Contractor shall provide insurance in accordance with the City's standard insurance clause to be used for all City contracts which is hereby made a part of this Contract.
11. Indemnification.
 - A. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the City and any of its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, including death, bodily injury, property damage, or any other losses arising out of or in connection with or in any way associated with the performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract.
 - B. The Contractor shall not be required to indemnify the City for any damage resulting from the sole negligence of the City or its employees.
12. Applicable Laws and Permits.
 - A. The Contractor shall observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, standards, ordinances or codes and shall be in compliance with all applicable licensure and permitting requirements at all times.
 - B. See attached Schedule A for current codes in use relating to construction development in the City of Lincoln.
13. City's Representatives. Leroy Meints, Assistant Superintendent of Distribution/Construction
Lincoln Water Systems, 2021 North 27th
Lincoln NE 68503.
402-441-7571
14. Guarantee. Construction services performed by Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Contract shall be subject to a two-year warranty in accordance with the General Provisions and Requirements of the Standard Specifications.
15. Contract Bonds.
 - A. Each year's work executed under the provisions of this Contract shall be bonded separately.
16. Quotations for Individual Unit Price Projects.

If at any time there is a change to the project that affects the quotation, a Revised Unit Price Quotation Form shall be submitted by the Contractor and signed by the departmental/agency representative for that project. Extra work shall not proceed until authorized by the departmental/agency representative.

17. Use of Subcontractors. The Contractor shall advise the City of his intention to use any subcontractors.
18. Notice to Proceed.
- A. No work shall be done for the City under the contract unless a written Notice to Proceed has been issued by the appropriate departmental/agency representative.
 - B. Contractor shall commence work as soon as reasonably possible on the date agreed to by the departmental/agency representative.
 - C. Work shall be complete on or before the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed.
19. Invoices.
- A. All invoices for construction services performed pursuant to this Contract shall be submitted to the appropriate departmental/agency representative.
 - B. Each project shall be invoiced separately.
 - C. The Contractor's invoices shall include the hydrant number and location, date of painting, as established in the Contractor's Unit Price Proposal.
 - D. Invoices shall be submitted for payment within thirty days of the date of project conclusion.
20. Assignment. This Contract shall not be assigned by Contractor to any other party without first obtaining the written consent of the City.
21. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2004.

City of Lincoln, Nebraska

Attest

City Clerk

Mayor

Contractor

Company Name

Name (Print)

Street Address

Signature

City State Zip Code

Title

Telephone Number(s)

By:

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR UNIT PRICE CONTRACT FOR PAINTING OF CITY FIRE HYDRANTS

Except as specifically modified by these Special Provisions, the Standard Specifications for Municipal construction for the City of Lincoln shall apply to all work on this project.

1. Surface Preparation
 - 1.1 Each hydrant to be painted shall be prepared for painting by using a blast clean specification - SSPC SP-6.
 - 1.2 Contractor shall protect are surrounding structures and property from damage by sandblasting.
 - 1.3 Contractor shall contain and collect all sand blasting waste material and properly dispose of the waste.
2. First Coat Primer
 - 2.1 Primer shall be Tnemec Series 90-97 or approved equal.
 - 2.2 Primer shall be applied per manufacture recommendation.
 - 2.3 Primer shall be applied to 2.5 to 3.0 mils dry thickness.
3. Second Coat
 - 3.1 Second coat shall be Tnemec Series 73-SC09 or approved equal.
 - 3.2 Second coat shall be applied per manufacture recommendation.
 - 3.3 Second coat shall be applied to 3.5 to 4.0 mils dry thickness.
4. Final Coat
 - 4.1 Final coat shall be Tnemec Series 76-Clear or approved equal.
 - 4.2 Final coat shall be applied per manufacture recommendation.
 - 4.3 Final coat shall be applied to 1.5 mils dry thickness.
5. Traffic Control
 - 5.1 Traffic control devices necessary for this work shall be provided by the contractor
 - 5.2 Traffic control shall be in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control devices.
 - 5.3 Traffic control shall be considered subsidiary to other items of work
6. Method of Measurement and Payment
 - 6.1 Each hydrant shall be measured and paid for per each. This shall include surface preparation and site cleanup, primer coat, second coat, and final coat of paint applied, including all paint materials, labor, equipment, and traffic control.
 - 6.2 Hydrants located adjacent to arterial streets, as defined in the Lincoln Municipal Code, and within 20 feet of the back of curb of the arterial road way, shall be paid for as the item "Paint Hydrant - Arterial". All other hydrants shall be measured and paid for as "Paint Hydrant - Residential".
 - 6.3 "Mobilization" will be measured and paid for Lump Sum, at the commencement of the hydrant painting work. Mobilization will only be measured and paid for once for each years group of hydrants to be painted.

7. Location
 - 7.1 All hydrant painted will generally be located sequentially on an arterial street.
 - 7.2 Hydrants generally are spaced 300 to 600 feet apart.
 - 7.3 The City reserves the right to delete hydrants from the list if the hydrant is near obsolescence or may be replace by a project in the near future.
 - 7.4 Generally all hydrants to be painted will be located in one quadrant of the city of Lincoln.
8. Progress
 - 8.1 The contractor shall submit a list each week showing which hydrants were painted, and the date it was completed.
 - 8.2 The contractor shall notify the project coordinator at LWS each Friday regarding the area of work for the subsequent week ,so that LWS may advise the Fire Department of hydrants which may be out of service.

SCHEDULE A
CURRENT CODES IN USE RELATING TO
CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN
AUGUST 1, 1999

- 1997 Uniform Building Code & Local Amendments
- 1994 Nebraska Accessibility Guidelines
(Patterned after and similar to ADA guidelines)
- 1989 Fair Housing Act - As Amended Effective March 12, 1989
- 1979 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lincoln - As Amended Including 1994 Parking Lot Lighting Standards
- 1994 Life Safety Code NFP
- 1997 Uniform Fire Code and Local Amendments

Applicable NFPA National Fire Code Standards
- 1999 National Electrical Code & Local Amendments
- 1997 Uniform Mechanical Code & Local Amendments
- 1990 National Plumbing Code *
- 1992 Lincoln Plumbing Code *
- 1994 Lincoln Gas Code

Ground Snow Load: 30 lbs. Sq.Ft.
Seismic Zone: Undetermined
Wind Load: 25 lbs. Sq.Ft.
Exposure C
Wind Resistance: 80 m.p.h.

* The Lincoln Plumbing Code contains basically the 1990 National Standards Plumbing Code and local community amendments. No separate amendments are printed for National Standard.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA PURCHASING DIVISION

1. BIDDING PROCEDURE

- 1.1 Bidder shall submit two (2) complete sets of the bid documents and all supporting material. All appropriate blanks shall be completed. Any interlineation, alteration or erasure on the specification document shall be initialed by the signer of the bid. Bidder shall not change the proposal form nor make additional stipulations on the specification document. Any amplified or qualifying information shall be on the bidder's letterhead and firmly attached to the specification document.
- 1.2 Bid prices shall be submitted on the Proposal Form included in the bid document.
- 1.3 Bidders may submit a bid on an "all or none" or "lump sum" basis, but should also submit a quotation on an item-by-item basis. Bidding documents shall be clearly marked indicating the kind of proposal being submitted.
- 1.4 Each bid must be legibly printed in ink or by typewriter, include the full name, business address, and telephone number of the bidder; and be signed in ink by the bidder.
- 1.5 A bid by a firm or organization other than a corporation must include the name and address of each member.
- 1.6 A bid by a corporation must be signed in the name of such corporation by a duly authorized official thereof.
- 1.7 Any person signing a bid for a firm, corporation, or other organization must show evidence of his authority so to bind such firm, corporation, or organization.
- 1.8 Bids received after the time and date established for receiving bids will be rejected.

2. BIDDER'S SECURITY

- 2.1 Bid security, as a guarantee of good faith, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond, may be required to be submitted with this bid document, as indicated on the Proposal Form.
- 2.2 If alternate bids are submitted, only one bid security will be required, provided the bid security is based on the amount of the highest gross bid.
- 2.3 Such bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders when the award of bid is made.
- 2.4 Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder(s) as follows:
 - 2.4.1 For single order bids with specified quantities: upon the delivery of all equipment or merchandise, and upon final acceptance by the City.
 - 2.4.2 For all other contracts: upon approval by the City of the executed contract and bonds.
- 2.5 City shall have the right to retain the bid security of bidders to whom an award is being considered until either:
 - 2.5.1 A contract has been executed and bonds have been furnished.
 - 2.5.2 The specified time has elapsed so that the bids may be withdrawn.
 - 2.5.3 All bids have been rejected.

- 2.6 Bid security will be forfeited to the City as full liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for any of the following reasons, as pertains to this specification document:

- 2.6.1 If the bidder fails to deliver the equipment or merchandise in full compliance with the accepted proposal and specifications.
- 2.6.2 If the bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract on forms provided by the City, and/or if the bidder fails to provide sufficient bonds or insurance within the time period as established in this specification document.

3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- 3.1 Each bidder agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, or marital status. Bidder shall fully comply with the provisions of Chapter 11.08 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.
- 3.2 Successful bidder will be required to comply with the provisions of the City's Affirmative Action Policy (Contract Compliance, Sec. 1.16).
- 3.3 The Equal Opportunity Officer will determine compliance or non-compliance with the City's Affirmative Action Policy upon a complete and substantial review of successful bidder's equal opportunity policies, procedures and practices.

4. DATA PRIVACY

- 4.1 Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, copyrights, patents and patent rights.
- 4.2 The bidder agrees to hold the City harmless from any claims resulting from the bidder's unlawful disclosure or use of private or confidential information.

5. BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION

- 5.1 Each bidder by signing and submitting a bid, represents that the bidder has read and understands the specification documents, and the bid has been made in accordance therewith.
- 5.2 Each bidder for services further represents that the bidder is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be done and has correlated the observations with the requirements of the bid documents.

6. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

- 6.1 By signing and submitting this bid, the bidder certifies that the prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor; unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder prior to bid opening directly or indirectly to any other bidder or to any competitor; no attempt has been made, or will be made, by the bidder to induce any person or firm to submit, or not to submit, a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

7. CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS

- 7.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the specification documents.
- 7.2 Bidders desiring clarification or interpretation of the specification documents shall make a written request which must reach the Purchasing Agent at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the date and time for receipt of bids.
- 7.3 Interpretations, corrections and changes made to the specification documents will be made by written addenda.
- 7.4 Oral interpretations or changes to the Specification Documents made in any other manner, will not be binding on the City; and bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes.

8. ADDENDA

- 8.1 Addenda are written instruments issued by the City prior to the date for receipt of bids which modify or interpret the specification document by addition, deletion, clarification or correction.
- 8.2 Addenda will be mailed or delivered to all who are known by the City to have received a complete set of specification documents.
- 8.3 Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the office of the Purchasing Agent.
- 8.4 No addendum will be issued later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of bids, except an addendum withdrawing the invitation to bid, or an addendum which includes postponement of the bid.
- 8.5 Bidders shall ascertain prior to submitting their bid that they have received all addenda issued, and they shall acknowledge receipt of addenda on the proposal form.

9. ANTI-LOBBYING PROVISION

- 9.1 During the period between the bid close date and the contract award, bidders, including their agents and representatives, shall not directly discuss or promote their bid with any member of the City Council or City Staff except in the course of City-sponsored inquiries, briefings, interviews, or presentations, unless requested by the City.

10. BRAND NAMES

- 10.1 Wherever in the specifications or proposal form brand names, manufacturer, trade name, or catalog numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only; and the term "or equal" is deemed to follow.
- 10.2 It is the bidder's responsibility to identify any alternate items offered in the bid, and prove to the satisfaction of the City that said item is equal to, or better than, the product specified.
- 10.3 Bids for alternate items shall be stated in the appropriate brand on the proposal form, or if the proposal form does not contain blanks for alternates, bidder MUST attach to the specification documents on Company letterhead a statement identifying the manufacturer and brand name of each proposed alternate, plus a complete description of the alternate items including illustrations, performance test data and any other information necessary for an evaluation. The bidder must indicate any variances by item number

from the specification document no matter how slight. Bidder must fully explain the variances from the specification document, since brochure information may not be sufficient.

- 10.4 If variations are not stated in the proposal, it will be assumed that the item being bid fully complies with the City's specifications.

11. DEMONSTRATIONS/SAMPLES

- 11.1 Bidders shall demonstrate the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the City.
- 11.2 Such demonstration can be at the City delivery location or a surrounding community.
- 11.3 If bidder does not have an item in the area, it will be at the bidder's expense to send appropriate City personnel to the nearest location to view and inspect proposed item(s).
- 11.4 If items are small and malleable, and the bidder is proposing an alternate product, the bidder MUST supply a sample of the exact item. Samples will be returned at bidder's expense after receipt by the City of acceptable goods. Bidders must indicate how samples are to be returned.

12. DELIVERY

- 12.1 Each bidder shall state on his proposal form the date upon which he can make delivery of all equipment or merchandise. Time required for delivery is hereby made an essential element of the bid.
- 12.2 The City reserves the right to cancel orders, or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified on the proposal form.
- 12.3 All bids shall be based upon **inside** delivery of the equipment or merchandise F.O.B. the City at the location specified by the City, with all transportation charges paid.

13. WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND MAINTENANCE

- 13.1 Copies of the following documents must accompany the bid proposal for all items being bid:
 - 13.1.1 Manufacturer's warranties and/or guarantees.
 - 13.1.2 Bidder's maintenance policies and associated costs.
- 13.2 As a minimum requirement of the City, the bidder will guarantee in writing that any defective components discovered within a one (1) year period after the date of acceptance shall be replaced at no expense to the City. Replacement parts of defective components shall be shipped at no cost to the City. Shipping costs for defective parts required to be returned to the bidder shall be paid by the bidder.
- 13.3 Bidder Warrants and represents to the City that all software/firmware/hardware/equipment /systems developed, distributed, installed or programmed by Bidder pursuant to this Specification and Agreement.
 - 13.3.1 That all date recognition and processing by the software/firmware/hardware/equipment/system will include the four-digit-year format and will correctly recognize and process the date of February 29, and any related data, during Leap years; and
 - 13.3.2 That all date sorting by the software /firmware/hardware/ equipment/system that includes a "year category" shall be done based on the four-digit-year format. Upon being notified in writing by the City of the failure of any software/ firmware/

hardware /equipment /systems to comply with this Specification and Agreement, Contractor will, within 60 days and at no cost to the City, replace or correct the non-complying software/ firmware/ hardware/ equipment/ systems with software/firmware/ hardware/equipment/ systems that does comply with this Specification and Agreement.

- 13.3.3 No Disclaimers: The warranties and representations set forth in this section 13.3 shall not be subject to any disclaimer or exclusion of warranties or to any limitations of Licensor's liability under this Specification and Agreement.

14. ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL

- 14.1 All components used in the manufacture or construction of materials, supplies and equipment, and all finished materials, shall be new, the latest make/model, of the best quality, and the highest grade workmanship.
- 14.2 Material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the bidder until:
- 14.2.1 A physical inspection and actual usage of this material is made and found to be acceptable to the City; and
- 14.2.2 Material is determined to be in full compliance with the specifications and accepted proposal.
- 14.3 In the event the delivered material is found to be defective or does not conform to the specification documents and accepted proposal, then the City reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the bidder and return materials to the bidder at bidder's expense.
- 14.4 Successful bidder shall be required to furnish title to the material, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, issued in the name of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, as required by the specification documents or purchase orders.
- 14.5 Selling dealer's advertising decals, stickers or other signs shall not be affixed to equipment. Vehicle mud flaps shall be installed blank side out with no advertisements. Manufacturer's standard production forgings, stampings, nameplates and logos are acceptable.

15. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

- 15.1 The signed bid proposal shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder. Such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the City of purchase orders, contract award notifications, or other contract documents appropriate to the work.
- 15.2 No bid shall be modified or withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the time and date established for receiving bids, and each bidder so agrees in submitting the bid.
- 15.3 In case of a discrepancy between the unit prices and their extensions, the unit prices shall govern.
- 15.4 The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder whose proposal will be most advantageous to the City, and as the City deems will best serve their requirements.
- 15.5 The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to request rebids; to award bids item-by-item, by groups, or "lump sum"; to waive irregularities and technicalities in bids; such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the City.

16. INDEMNIFICATION

- 16.1 The bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its members, its officers and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including, but not limited to attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property other than goods, materials and equipment furnished under this contract) including the loss or use resulting therefrom; is caused in whole or part by any negligent act or omission of the bidder, any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any one of them or anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused by a party indemnified hereunder.
- 16.2 In any and all claims against the City or any of its members, officers or employees by an employee of the bidder, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under paragraph 16.1 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation of the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the bidder or any subcontractor under worker's or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

17. TERMS OF PAYMENT

- 17.1 Unless other specification provisions state otherwise, payment in full will be made by the City within thirty (30) calendar days after all labor has been performed and all equipment or other merchandise has been delivered, and all such labor and equipment and other materials have met all contract specifications.

18. LAWS

- 18.1 The Laws of the State of Nebraska shall govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the Parties under this proposal and any agreement reached as a result of this process.

19. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- 19.1 The City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Purchasing Division provides equal opportunity for all bidders and encourages minority businesses and women's business enterprises to participate in our bidding process.

20. LIVING WAGE

- 20.1 The bidders agree to pay all employees employed in the performance of this contract, a base wage of not less than the City Living Wage per section 2.81.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. This wage is subject to change up or down every July.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR COMMODITY TERM CONTRACTS

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA PURCHASING DIVISION

1. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

- 1.1 The quantities set forth in the specification document are approximate and represent the estimated requirements of the City for the contract period.
- 1.2 Items listed may or may not be inclusive of City requirements for this category.
- 1.3 Category items not listed, but distributed by bidder are to be referred to as kindred items. Kindred items shall receive the same percentage of discount or pricing structure as items listed in the specification document.
- 1.4 The unit prices and the extended total prices shall be used only as a basis for the evaluation of bids. The actual quantity of materials necessary may be more or less than the estimates listed in the specification document, but the City shall be neither obligated nor limited to any specified amount. The City will, if possible, restrict increases/decreases to 20% of the estimated quantities listed in the specification document.

2. CONTRACT PERIOD

- 2.1 The material shall be delivered as ordered during the contract period, beginning from the date of contract and ending one (1) year from that date, or as otherwise indicated on the proposal form.
- 2.2 The City is interested in a one (1) year contract, with the option to renew for additional one (1) year periods, not to exceed three (3) such renewals. Bidder must indicate on the proposal form if extension renewals are an option. By mutual consent of both parties it is understood and agreed that the contract may be renewed only at the same prices and/or under the same conditions governing the original contract; and any request for an increase in price or a change in the contract conditions shall be interpreted as a request not to renew the contract at the end of the current contract period.

3. BID PRICES

- 3.1 Bidders must state on the proposal form if the bid prices will remain firm for the full contract period; or if the bid prices will be subject to escalation/de-escalation.
- 3.2 Escalation/De-escalation Clause: In the event that prevailing market conditions warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract, the following escalation/de-escalation clause shall be the only clause applicable or acceptable to the City:
 1. Contractor shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent of any proposed changes from contract prices not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of said price changes.
 2. Such notice must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the contractor of price changes.
 3. No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to on the supplier's notice.
 4. The approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the contractor after the effective date of such price change.

5. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
6. The City reserves the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
7. The Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interests of the City.
8. If in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent any proposed increase is found unacceptable, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to cancel the contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice.
9. Contractors must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Contractor will put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publication so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership will be at no cost to the City.

4. CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION

- 4.1 The Purchasing Division will issue a Contract Award Notification to all successful bidders. Such contract award notification will incorporate the City's specifications, and may incorporate the bidder's specifications.
- 4.2 No action need be taken by the contractors at time of receipt of such Contract Award Notification.
- 4.3 Orders for materials will be made as needed by the various City Departments.

5. QUARTERLY REPORT

- 5.1 The contractor shall provide to the Purchasing Agent a quarterly report, showing all purchases made under the terms and conditions of the contract.
- 5.2 Such quarterly report shall itemize the following information:
 1. Each ordering department.
 2. Items and quantities purchased by department.
 3. Total dollar amount of purchases by department.